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Santa Clara County Adult Drug and Alcohol Residential Treatment Facilities Certification Program

- Certification Guidelines

- **Developed by the District Attorney's Office in coordination with the Department of Alcohol and Drug Services (DADS)**
- **Collaborative effort**
- **Approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2000**
- **Unique to Santa Clara County**
- **Purpose of the guidelines is to promote quality rehabilitative services and public safety**
- **DA's Role is centered upon public safety**
- **DADS has responsibility for treatment issues**
- **All facilities which receive county referrals or funds must be certified**
- **Certification period is one calendar year**
- **Necessary efforts include reviewing facility applications, background checks and site visits (dedicated resources include attorney, administrative and investigative staff)**
- **Sanctions for deficiencies may range from oral reprimand to revocation of certification**